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## YOUNG LADY IS FATALLY BURNED

Miss Cora Lee Catlin Dies  
From Effects of  
Injuries.

## STANDING AT GRATE, GOWN CAUGHT FIRE

Had Been Sick in Bed for Some  
Weeks, and Arose to Reach  
a Glass From the  
Mantel of an  
Open Fire-  
place.

While attempting to reach a glass  
from the mantel of an open fireplace,  
Miss Cora Lee Catlin, the seventeen-  
year-old daughter of Mr. Herbert M. Catlin,  
yardmaster of the Chesapeake and  
Ohio Railway, was fatally burned yester-  
day afternoon at the residence of her  
father, No. 1235 Floyd Avenue, where she  
died at one o'clock this morning.

Arisen from a sick bed, the young  
lady, who had been ill for some weeks,  
sought to perform for herself a little  
service without disturbing the family,  
who were then at the dinner-table on the  
floor below. Her thoughtfulness cost  
her her life. The draught from the  
chimney drew her clothing into the  
grate, and in a flash she was enveloped  
in flames. Her screams for help brought  
several to her aid, but the blazing gown  
could not be torn from her before she  
had been badly burned.

She lingered several hours in a critical  
condition, but the nature of her injuries  
was such that with the weakened state  
of her health it was hardly possible  
that she could survive the shock.

## Enveloped in Flames.

The accident cast a shadow of gloom  
over the entire neighborhood in which  
the family lives. The youth of the vic-  
inity of the flames, her popularity in a  
large circle of friends and acquaintances  
and the prominence of her family con-  
ditions, made the case one of peculiar  
sadness. Only four days ago her father's  
mother died suddenly, while she was pre-  
paring to leave for Danville to attend the  
Methodist Conference.

Miss Catlin was in her last year at the  
High School. She was exceedingly  
bright and her close application  
to her books caused an impairment  
of her health. She visited a sister in  
Brooklyn in August and returned con-  
siderably improved just in time to begin  
the school year. After a glass of water  
she was forced to lay her books aside  
again. During the past six weeks she  
had been confined to her room.

The shock of the death of her grand-  
mother on Wednesday threw the patient  
back somewhat, but she grew better on  
Friday and Saturday, and during the  
good health and spirits. Her mother  
carried her to her room shortly after  
1 o'clock in the afternoon and left to  
return to the lower floor. Miss Catlin  
had not finished the meal when she arose  
from the bed to get a glass of water.  
The room had been well ventilated and  
the room and besides wished to save her  
mother a trip up the stairs.

The glass was on the mantel over the  
open fireplace. In reaching for it Miss  
Catlin stood quite close to the fire, and  
it is supposed that the draught from  
the chimney drew her gown into the  
grate, where it caught fire. The flames  
enveloped her completely as she ran into  
the hall screaming for help. The port-  
iere curtains at the head of the stair-  
way caught from the blazing dress and  
burned down.

## Mother Painfully Burned.

In attempting to beat out the flames  
with her hands, Mrs. Catlin was herself  
painfully burned. Mr. Catlin was asleep  
in an adjoining room, but was aroused  
by an cry for help. He threw the bed-  
clothes around the girl and extinguished  
the fire before it had reached her face,  
which was considerably burned. Miss  
Catlin was unconscious during the entire  
time and late in the day, and bore the  
awful suffering with remarkable fortitude.  
Her injuries were very serious from the  
first, and the physicians who watched  
her condition gave but a slight hope for  
her recovery. She lingered until 1 o'clock  
this morning, when she died.

Mr. Catlin is yardmaster of the Ches-  
apeake and Ohio Railway here, and is well  
known in the city. He is a brother of  
Mr. E. A. Catlin, of Richmond. Mrs.  
Catlin leaves, besides a glass of water,  
two sisters—Miss Mary Catlin and  
Mrs. Anderson W. Richards, of  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

## FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS VISIT FLAGSHIP 'DRAKE'

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, November 12.—Five thou-  
sand persons visited the armored cruiser  
Drake, flagship of Rear-Admiral Prince  
Louis of Battenberg, between the hours  
of 1 and 4 o'clock to-day. A crowd, num-  
bering half as many, were waiting  
outside the Cunard Pier, where the ship  
is berthed, with the hope of going on  
board when the squad of police at the  
entrance announced at 4 o'clock that the  
ship was closed to visitors for the day.  
The Prince spent the morning quietly,  
went for an automobile ride in the af-  
ternoon, and to-night was the guest of  
Mayor McCallan at dinner.

## VOTING FOR AND AGAINST REPUBLIC

(By Associated Press.)  
CHRISTIANIA, November 12.—A Ple-  
biscite for and against the choice of  
Prince Charles of Denmark as the new  
king of Norway began to-day under fa-  
vorable weather conditions. The people  
everywhere are voting in large numbers.  
In Christiania out of a total electorate  
of 40,000, fully 25,000 have already voted.  
The polling will be continued to-morrow,  
and the result will be announced Tues-  
day. All the public and many private  
buildings are decorated with flags. Sat-  
urday saw the culmination of a forth-  
right agitation in a storm of oratory  
by party leaders all over the country for  
and against a republic.

## CADETS ARE TO TAKE BACK WORDS

Given Ten Days to Re-  
tract Protest in  
Writing.

## ALL WHO REFUSE ARE DISMISSED

Board of Visitors of the V. M. I.  
Conclude Investigation of the  
Complaints of Cadets  
Relative to Poor and  
Small Supply  
of Food.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEXINGTON, VA., Nov. 12.—The Board  
of Visitors of the Virginia Military In-  
stitute last night on the stroke of the  
midnight hour concluded their investi-  
gation of the complaints made by mem-  
bers of the third class of cadets relative  
to insufficient and badly prepared food.

In the matter of discipline growing out  
of the mutinous and insubordinate con-  
duct of a part of the third class, the  
board, after a complete and searching  
investigation, reached two conclusions:  
That the act of insubordination was pre-  
cipitated by the thoughtlessness of a few  
indiscreet men, and that the ends of jus-  
tice could be met by giving the indi-  
vidual members of the class ten days  
in which to retract in writing the offen-  
sive language in their ultimatum to the  
superintendent, General Shipp. It was  
intimated to the board that many of the  
third class now saw their error and  
were willing to admit it and express their  
regret for the same in this way. If any  
fail to do this in the time designated  
prompt dismissal will be the consequence.  
The findings of the board on this matter  
will be announced in general orders at  
dress parade to-morrow afternoon.

## Strenuous Session.

The board spent three days in session  
at the institute of arduous and pain-  
staking inquiry, with every member pre-  
sent except Dr. J. W. Southall, and was  
convened upon the call of the Superin-  
tendent, General Shipp, for a thorough  
investigation and inquiry, which embraced  
the testimony of the military board, a number  
of cadets, many prominent citizens of  
Lexington and others. The verdict was  
reached that the evidence did not sus-  
tain the charge made in sensational and  
indefinite newspaper articles that the  
institute commissary was negligent and  
inefficient. The proof was practically  
conclusive that there was and had been  
good fare furnished the cadets. At times  
the service was poor, and the food not  
up to the standard, but this was the  
exception and not the rule. The condi-  
tion was satisfactorily accounted for  
in several ways, principally due to the  
fact that the mess hall and kitchen were  
burned in May, 1905, and that the present  
mess hall and kitchen are improvised af-  
fairs and makeshifts. The mess hall is  
nearly completed and in the nature of  
things, the kitchen cannot be built until  
the new hall is completed.

The present commissary, Mr. J. W. Gil-  
more, will be retained, and the board  
deemed it proper to give him the ser-  
vice of an appointed steward. A com-  
mittee was appointed, consisting of Dr.  
Upshur, Captain Brown and the board  
members, in connection with the superin-  
tendent, charged with the duty of se-  
curing promptly such a person.

## Cause for Inquiry.

The investigation by the board has  
brought out the causes leading up to the  
present condition of affairs. With few  
exceptions the third class sent written  
communication to the superintendent,  
signed by the complaining members, de-  
claring their intention of withdrawing  
from the school unless food conditions  
improved. They later desired to with-  
draw the paper, and sent to the super-  
intendent a committee who verbally re-  
quested its withdrawal. General Shipp  
questioned the committee that the request  
to withdraw the paper would have to be  
made in writing before the matter  
would receive consideration. This con-  
dition failed to do, once the whole matter  
was referred to the board of visitors for  
inquiry.

The board proposes to have the evidence  
taken before it in the food investigation  
published in pamphlet form as soon as  
practicable for the information of the  
public.

## 3 NEW OHIO MAYORS HAVE BUT 3 GOOD LEGS

Odd Footing of First Democratic  
Heads of Adjoining Re-  
publican Towns.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WHEELING, W. VA., Nov. 12.—Three  
good legs are all that the three new  
Mayors of Martin's Ferry, Bridgeport  
and Belmar have in the aggregate.  
The voters of these three adjoining  
towns in Belmont county, Ohio, elected  
Democratic Mayors for the first time in  
history, and they stand as to legs as fol-  
lows:  
J. B. Blackford, of Martin's Ferry, two  
good legs.  
George H. Bresson, of Bridgeport, one  
good leg and one wooden leg.  
George Kompat, of Belmar, two wood-  
en legs.  
The trio hopped to victory with sub-  
stantial pluralities, notwithstanding that  
Republican tickets were otherwise suc-  
cessful.

## MOUNTAINS OF IRON BOUGHT BY U. S. STEEL

(By Associated Press.)  
EL PASO, TEXAS, November 12.—  
News has come from Mexico that the  
United States Steel Company has pur-  
chased the famous solid Iron Mountain  
at Durango, the richest of its kind in  
the world.

## CLAIM RAILROADS DEFEAT THE LAW

Net Amount Received is  
Less Than Published  
Open Rates.

## CASE INVOLVES PABST BREWING CO

Attorney General Moody Will  
File Petition To-day Which  
is Regarded of Great Gen-  
eral Importance, and  
Press to Speedy  
Hearing.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., November 12.—  
Attorney-General Moody to-day made a  
statement with regard to the petition  
which will be filed by his direction to-mor-  
row in the Circuit Court of the United  
States for the Eastern District of Wiscon-  
sin, brought under the Elkins law to test  
the legality of certain commissions paid  
by railroads (after the receipt of the  
published rates) to a private car trans-  
port company, controlled by stockholders of  
the corporation shipping freight in those cars  
over the railroad's lines. The statement  
follows:

"The petition is against the Milwaukee  
Refrigerator Transit Company, Pere  
Marquette Railroad Company, Missouri,  
Kansas and Texas Railroad, Erie Railroad  
Company, the Chicago, Rock Island and  
Pacific Railroad Company, St. Louis and  
San Francisco Railroad Company, the  
Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, the  
Chicago and Alton Railroad Company and  
Pabst Brewing Company.

"This case arises out of the following  
state of facts, which have been investi-  
gated by the Interstate Commerce Com-  
mission, and by that body and also by  
private interests adversely affected.  
The Milwaukee Refrigerator Transit Com-  
pany, and on Friday last, a conference be-  
tween the Attorney-General, the pas-  
senger to the Attorney-General, Mr. Purdy,  
Special Assistant District Attorney Pagin,  
the District Attorney and Special Counsel  
Charles C. Quarles, of the Milwaukee bar,  
the form of the petition was determined  
upon.

## Involves Pabst Brewery.

"It appears that the Pabst Brewing  
Company are large shippers of beer over  
the various railroads running from Mil-  
waukee. Some of the principal stockhold-  
ers of that corporation organized and  
own the Milwaukee Refrigerator Transit  
Company, and a corporation operating  
private cars. To the latter corporation  
the control of the shipments of the  
Pabst Brewing Company was given by  
an agreement entered into between the  
two corporations named. The various  
railroads mentioned as defendants, while  
receiving as freight money the open and  
published rates for the transportation of  
commodities, have paid to the transit  
company, in whose private cars the beer  
was transported, a commission of about  
twenty per cent. upon the amount of the  
freight money collected, with the effect,  
of course, that the net amount received  
for transportation by the railroad com-  
panies is so much less than the published  
and open rate.

## Is Misdemeanor.

"This petition is designed to test the  
legality of such payments, and is brought  
under the provision of the so-called El-  
kins law, which provides that a failure  
strictly to observe the published rates  
shall be a misdemeanor, and further pro-  
vides that it shall be unlawful for any  
person, persons or corporations to offer,  
grant or give, or to solicit, accept or  
receive any rebate concessions or dis-  
crimination in respect to the transpor-  
tation of any property in interstate or  
foreign commerce whereby any such  
property shall, by any device whatever,  
be transported at a less rate than that  
named in the tariffs published and filed  
by the carrier.

"The case is regarded as of great gen-  
eral importance by the attorney-general,  
and will be pressed to as speedy a hear-  
ing as a just regard for the interests of  
the defendants will permit. With Dis-  
trict Attorney Butterfield, Mr. Charles  
Quarles, of the Milwaukee bar, has been  
associated."

## MEXICAN MILLIONAIRE WAS SON OF IRISHMAN

Was Adopted When Three Years  
of Age By a Childless  
Couple.

(By Associated Press.)  
GUADALAJARA, MEX., November  
12.—There was forwarded from this city  
to London this week a draft for \$1,000  
in gold, to be used in the erection of a  
monument above two graves in one of  
the cemeteries of the British metropolis.  
The graves are occupied by the remains  
of Patrick Collins, a London cab driver, and  
his wife. Collins died only a few  
weeks ago. His wife has been dead for  
nearly thirty years.

The man who forwarded the draft is  
Jose Cortez, millionaire owner of one of  
the best business blocks in this city of  
haciendas and of the finest horses and  
carriages in the State of Jalisco. His  
action was not prompted by the remem-  
brance of faithful service or some past  
favor. He had not seen the cab driver or  
his wife since he was a child of 3 years.  
The \$1,000 draft was sent through a sense  
of filial duty, for Jose Cortez, the Mex-  
ican millionaire, is in reality Thomas  
Collins, the son of the Irish cab driver  
and his wife.

The story covers a strange passage in  
real life. When 3 years of age young Col-  
lins was adopted by Jose Cortez and  
wife a childless couple, while visiting  
Europe, and upon their death inherited  
the millions of his adopted parents.

## T. W. WOOD DIES AT FOREST HILL

A Widely Known Seeds-  
man Succumbs After  
Brief Illness.

## PROMINENT IN BUSINESS LIFE

Head of Implement Company of  
Richmond and Senior Member  
of Seed Firm of T. W.  
Wood & Sons—Na-  
tive of Eng-  
land.

After an illness of three weeks, Mr.  
Timothy W. Wood, one of the most widely  
known business men of the South,  
senior member of the firm of T. W.  
Wood & Sons and president of the Im-  
plement Company, of Richmond, died at  
7:30 o'clock last night in his home at  
Forest Hill.

Mr. Wood had been in failing health  
for some time, but his serious sickness  
dates from less than a month ago, when  
he was forced to relinquish all business  
activity and place himself in the care  
of a physician. Early in June he left  
for Europe and spent about three months  
abroad, hoping to improve by a change  
of air and scenes. He returned in Sep-  
tember, and though apparently somewhat  
better continued to complain. Three  
weeks ago he grew worse, and since  
then he had been confined to his bed.  
Death was not unexpected. The end  
came peacefully, with the family around  
the bedside.

## Was Widely Known.

In the course of his years of residence  
in Richmond, Mr. Wood had become  
prominently identified with the business  
and social life of the city, and the news  
of his death will be a shock to an ac-  
quaintance which covers the entire  
State and a large portion of the South.

A native of Lincoln, England, where he  
was born sixty-six years ago, Mr.  
Wood came to this country in 1873 and  
early settled in Richmond. He was then  
married and had for some time been en-  
gaged in business in Newark, England.  
After locating here he laid the founda-  
tion for what has since become one of  
the leading seed houses in the South.  
The beginning was unpretentious, but  
Mr. Wood brought to the business a  
sound judgment, which, with the expe-  
rience gained during his Newark con-  
nection with similar enterprises, made  
his success marked from the first. By  
close application he gradually built up  
a flourishing trade until to-day the firm  
has three offices and a warehouse in  
Richmond, covering a territory including  
all of Virginia and practically the entire  
South. The house also does a consid-  
erable foreign business.

The other chief business connection  
of Mr. Wood was The Implement Com-  
pany, of Richmond, of which he secured  
control about eight years ago. He was  
at all times in close touch with the hor-  
ticultural and agricultural interests of  
the State, his seed business bringing him  
into more or less intimate relations with  
the farmers. His sons were associated  
with him in this business until the time

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## Sunday's Times-Dispatch Published

2,218 inches of paid advertisements.  
105 2-3 columns paid advertisements.  
649 paid advertisements, including,  
22 ads. for male help.  
46 ads. for female help.  
36 ads. for agents and salesmen.  
387 other (classified) miscellaneous  
want ads.

The Times-Dispatch is Virginia's  
leading newspaper, advertising me-  
dium and is increasing its effective-  
ness with every issue.

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina  
—Fair Monday and Tuesday; light to  
fresh west winds.  
Georgia and Alabama—Fair Monday  
and Tuesday; fresh west winds, mostly  
clear.  
Western Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana  
and Eastern Texas—Fair Monday and  
Tuesday; light, variable winds.  
Mississippi—Fair Monday and Tuesday.  
Tennessee—Fair Monday and Tuesday.

## Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond's weather was clear and cool.  
Range of the thermometer:  
9 A. M. 50 6 P. M. 64  
12 M. 55 9 P. M. 58  
3 P. M. 62 12 midnight 56  
(Average) 58 58

## Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M. 39 6 P. M. 46  
12 M. 45 9 P. M. 42  
3 P. M. 47 12 midnight 46  
(Average) 44 45.8

## Conditions in Important Cities.

(At 6 P. M., Eastern Time.)  
Place. Temp. Wind. Weather.  
Albany, Tex. 58 S. Cloudy.  
Atlanta, Ga. 56 S. Cloudy.  
Charlotte, N. C. 56 S. Cloudy.  
Chicago, Ill. 54 S. Cloudy.  
Jacksonville, Fla. 62 S. Cloudy.  
Key West, Fla. 76 S. Cloudy.  
Mobile, Ala. 66 S. Clear.  
New York City 54 S. Cloudy.  
Baltimore, Md. 52 S. Cloudy.  
Birmingham, Ala. 58 S. Cloudy.  
Tampa, Fla. 68 S. Cloudy.  
Washington 58 S. Clear.  
Wilmington 56 S. Clear.

## Miniature Almanac

November 13, 1905.  
Sun rises 6:48  
Sun sets 5:00  
Moon rises 6:17  
HIGH TIDE.  
Morning 5:13  
Evening 5:25

## MAYOR TOM L. JOHNSON, Of Cleveland, Who, to Stay the Hand of Self-Destructors, Has Established an Anti-Suicide Bureau.



Every person in Cleveland who is contemplating suicide is invited to write  
a letter to the Anti-Suicide Commission and to his troubles. For people desper-  
ate from non-employment, the commission will endeavor to obtain employment,  
while the needs and wants of others seeking aid will be looked after.

## CHAIR IS NAMED FOR ROOSEVELT

Wealthy New Yorker Gives \$50-  
000, Carrying Out Plan Ap-  
proved By Kaiser.

## COLUMBIA PROFESSORSHIP

German Government, in Return,  
Will Establish Professor-  
ship of History.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, November 12.—Announce-  
ment was made to-day that James  
Speyer, of New York, has given to the  
trustees of Columbia University, New  
York, \$50,000 to endow the Theodore  
Roosevelt professorship of American history  
and institutions in the University  
of Berlin, in accordance with a plan ap-  
proved by the German Emperor, when  
he received President Butler in audience  
at Wehmschlohe in August last.

Incumbents of the professorship will  
be appointed by the Prussian Ministry of  
Education with the Emperor's sanction,  
upon the nomination of the trustees of  
Columbia University. Incumbents will  
be so chosen that in successive years the  
fields of American history, American  
constitutional and administrative law,  
American economic and social prob-  
lems and movements, American education  
and American contributions to science,  
technology, the arts and literature will  
be the subject of instruction. It is pro-  
posed in this way to present in a series  
of years to German university students  
an outline of American history and the  
institutions. Professors in any American  
institution of learning, or scholars un-  
attached to any university will be eligible  
for nomination.

The German government, in return,  
will establish at Columbia University a  
professorship of German history and in-  
stitutions.

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## AGED MAN DIES ON STREET CAR

In Lively Conversation, Leans On  
Wife's Shoulder and  
Expires.

## ONE OF THE OLDEST MASONS

Had for Many Years Been Ident-  
ified With Fraternal  
Order.

Mr. Robert B. Sneed, one of the oldest  
and most highly esteemed citizens of  
Richmond died suddenly yesterday after-  
noon about 5 o'clock. He and his wife  
were returning home on the street car,  
and when nearing the corner of Laurel  
and Main Street, while engaged in pleas-  
ant conversation, Mr. Sneed leaned his  
head on his wife's shoulder and almost  
immediately expired. The car was stop-  
ped and the body conveyed to For-  
man's Drug Store and Dr. C. W. P.  
Brook was summoned, but his services  
were not needed as the spirit had fled.

Mr. Sneed was the son of Major Jesse  
Sneed and was born at the corner of  
Ninth and Chapel Streets, September  
8, 1826, and was therefore in the eightieth  
year of his age. He was married Sep-  
tember 8th (his birthday) 1864. His widow  
survives him, together with an only  
daughter, Mrs. William Watson, of Char-  
lottesville, who is the only survivor of a  
family of eight children of his father.

## One of Oldest Members.

Mr. Sneed was probably the oldest mem-  
ber of the Second Baptist Church and  
was one of the only two remaining male  
members who were present when the  
church removed sixty-two years ago to  
the building corner Sixth and Main  
Streets, which is now being torn down,  
the church having removed to its new  
house of worship corner Franklin and  
Adams Streets, where he attended the  
Sunday school and church yesterday  
morning, seemingly in his usual health.

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## PROBABLY HAVE NOT SEEN GENUINE GAME

Mexicans Disinclined to Substi-  
tute Foot-Ball for Bull  
Fighting.

## HEAD OF FRENCH ARMY GETS READY FOR DUEL

Man Who Presented Rochambeau  
Statue to Fight Old  
Foe.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, November 12.—Arrangements  
are being perfected for a duel between  
General Brugere, commander-in-chief of  
the French army, who was at the head of  
the commission which went to America  
to present the Rochambeau statue to that  
nation, and General Perdon, who was  
chief of the military staff, under General  
Andre, former War Minister.

The difficulty is the result of an exciting  
incident in the Bois de Boulogne, in which  
General Brugere declined to return the  
salute of General Perdon, owing to the  
latter's connection with the secret re-  
ports made against officers during the ad-  
ministration of General Andre, and which  
brought about the latter's downfall.

## Richmond Party Arrives Safe.

Mr. George M. Wyatt, in charge of the  
large Richmond party which left here  
Saturday for New York by the Old De-  
pauhin line, telegraphed to The Times-  
Dispatch yesterday afternoon that the  
steamer arrived at 3 P. M. yesterday after-  
noon in a smooth and delightful voyage.

## VALUE OF SUICIDE BOARD DOUBTED

Johnson's Plan Criticised  
by the New York  
Sociologists.

## THEY ADMIT THAT IT MAY DO SOME GOOD

Secretiveness of Unfortunate is  
Likely to Render His Scheme  
Abortive—Self-Destruction  
Usually Not Result  
of Calm Deter-  
mination.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, November 12.—Sociolo-  
gists, physicians and students of human  
nature in general were much interested  
yesterday in the novel plan of Tom L.  
Johnson, Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, who  
has appointed a commission to advise  
and comfort those who are contemplating  
suicide.

Although they were not convinced that  
the plan was of any practical value, they  
took the position that it opened up an  
important field of discussion and might  
indirectly be productive of good.

"Mr. Johnson's idea," said Dr. Thomas  
Darlington, "is certainly an interesting  
one, but, in my opinion, it does not go  
back far enough to be efficacious. Per-  
sons who commit suicide do not talk  
about it in advance, for they are usually  
guided by sudden impulses. Even the  
despondent and the melancholy would re-  
sent it if an official called upon them to  
suggest that they refrain from taking  
their lives. It will be necessary to go  
back to the very constitution of society  
to accomplish anything at all. There are  
various commissions in this city which  
help the people in a general way, and I  
do not see that a suicide commission  
could better matters any, for the causes  
of self-destruction are so varied. Alco-  
holism, disease, love, despair, jealousy,  
envy, are only a few of the causes.

## The Pace That Kills.

"The rapid pace at which we live, the  
envy which many have of those who are  
wealthy, and the striving for money—  
these are things with which no commis-  
sion can labor. The Board of Health has  
I think, in a measure, reduced the num-  
ber of suicides by restricting the sale  
of poisons. For instance, it has caused  
the passage of a city ordinance permit-  
ting only the five per cent. carbolic acid  
to be generally sold. Some good can no  
doubt be done by making the means of  
suicide more difficult to obtain. Yet this  
problem is one which involves so many  
considerations that it is impossible for a  
commission to accomplish anything unless  
it applies itself to ascertaining the gen-  
eral causes."

"This commission," said Judge Joseph  
M. Deuel, "will accomplish nothing  
something by acting on this subject, but  
I fail to see how it will succeed in its  
advisory capacity. I have for twenty  
years studied the matter, and have wasted  
quires and quires of paper over it. The  
problem is one which involves so many  
considerations that it is impossible for a  
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eral causes."

## Insanity Causes Suicide.

Dr. John D. Quackenbos, who has de-  
voted many years to the study of mental  
science, said yesterday that those who  
committed suicide deliberately would  
never take anybody into their confidence,  
and that the majority of persons who  
took their own lives were subject to such  
aberration that they would not go in  
search of advice.

"I am inclined to think," he added, "that  
the commission would minister largely to  
a class which would threaten to end  
their lives to induce the authorities to  
them pecuniary aid. Many a professional  
beggar gets money by such means. There  
is much who comes to my house occa-  
sionally threatening to blow out his  
brains on my doorstep unless I give him a  
quarter. The clergy are able to do much  
to prevent suicide, and I regard this  
for the very fact that communicants  
have somebody in whom they have confi-  
dence to whom they may tell their  
troubles. It must save many lives."

Dr. Carlton Simon, who has made spe-  
cial investigations of the subject of sui-  
cide, said yesterday that he did not think  
Mr. Johnson's scheme would prove a suc-  
cess in the way in which it was planned,  
but expressed the opinion that it would  
compensate for the loss of the money di-  
rected to the alleviation of the troubles  
of the unfortunate mind.

## MIDDY MERIWETHER PLACED UNDER ARREST